

SPECIALISTS IN TOPIARY

HERONWOOD NURSERY  
Upperville, Virginia

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Neill Phillips  
Proprietors

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Catalog  
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Biennials and Perennials

Aquilegia (Columbine) - Giant long-spur from Sutton's English seed.  
Light blue, dark blue, white, pink, yellow. Sun or light shade.  
Plants .50 each, 3 for \$1.25, doz. \$4.00

Digitalis (Foxglove) - Raised by us from Sutton's English seed.  
Cream, apricot, primrose. Sun or light shade.  
Plants .50 each, 3 for \$1.25, doz. \$4.00

Escholtzia (California poppy) - Lemon yellow. Full sun.  
Plants .50 each, 3 for \$1.25, doz. \$4.00

Euchera (Coral bells) - Sun or light shade. Pink.  
Plants .50 each, 3 for \$1.25, doz. \$4.00

Gaillardia - Profusion of bloom, June to November, regardless of heat  
and drought. Vivid flowers, red with orange centers. Full sun.  
Plants .50 each, 3 for \$1.25, doz. \$4.00

Hollyhocks - Giant doubles. Flower stalks 4' - 7' tall and very spectacular.  
White, yellow. Full sun.  
Plants .70 each, 3 for \$2.00, doz. \$7.00

Iberis (Candytuft) - Sun or light shade. Sheet of white bloom in spring.  
Handsome low foliage plant after blooming.  
Plants .70 each, 3 for \$2.00, doz. \$7.00

Cenothera (Evening primrose) - Bright lemon yellow flowers on plants  
about 24" tall. Blooms June 'til August. Full sun.  
Plants .70 each, 3 for \$2.00, doz. \$7.00 (Not ready 'til Spring 1960.)

Pansy - Giant bedder strains from Sutton's English seed. Purple, white,  
Ullswater blue (black centers), Coronation Gold, medium blue, pale blue,  
Crimson Queen, Lord Beaconsfield (purple violet), plus mixed colors.  
Sun or light shade.  
Plants .50 each, 3 for \$1.25, doz. \$4.00

Rudbeckia (Cornflower) - For vivid color and for cutting all summer long,  
in hottest and driest weather. Oranges and Orange-reds. Plants about  
3' tall. Best in full sun. (Not ready 'til Spring 1960.)  
Plants .50 each, 3 for \$1.25, doz. \$4.00

Sweet William - We have a beautiful strain of this great favorite, produc-  
ing mammoth flower heads in May - June. Sun or partial shade.  
White, scarlet, pink.  
Plants .50 each, 3 for \$1.25, doz. \$4.00



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### Annuals and Vegetables

In the spring and early summer of 1960 we shall as usual carry a line of our popular home grown plants of annuals and vegetables: petunias, zinnias, verbena, annual dwarf phlox, marigolds, ageratum, china asters, calendulas, etc. Also plants of giant tomatoes, leeks, sorrel, green peppers, red peppers, etc. Let us know if you wish to receive post card notice when the time comes.

### Violets

Confederate - Lavender-grey, large blossoms. Sun or shade.

White - Long flower stems, abundant spring bloom. Partial shade.

Price \$2.50 a dozen

### Camellias for Espaliering

Sasangua - Does especially well espaliered on a brick wall. We have two varieties believed to have originated from seed and unobtainable elsewhere. Bloom in November, December. One has a profusion of medium sized pink blossoms. The other has large, single, white blossoms, edged with rosy-pink and with a large, lacy cluster of golden stamens.

Price for 2-year old well-rooted cuttings, \$2.00 each

### Rare, Hard-to-Find Ground Covers and Vines

Ajuga (Bugle) - 4" - 6" high. Spikes of blue flowers in spring. Thick, luxuriant leaves. Shade or partial shade.

Price \$4.50 a dozen.

Sarcococca - Glossy, green leaves. Thick, upright clumps about 14" high that can be clipped down to a dense mat about 8" high. Best in shade. Rare.

Price .75 each, \$7.00 a dozen

Evonymus, trailing (*E. fortunei radicans*). Very small dark green leaves. Excellent cover for banks, and will climb on terraces and walls and form a thick mat. Sun or shade.

Price \$1.50 each, \$15.00 a dozen

Variegated trailing evonymus. A rare variation, each leaf white and bright green.

Price \$2.00 each

Heronwood Ivy - Medium sized, heavily veined, deeply palmate leaves of a leathery texture. Very hardy and fast growing.

Plants .30 each







### Herbaceous Plants

Hellebore (Lenten Rose) - About 2 feet high. Handsome, palm-like leaves. Clusters of cream and pinkish flowers from Christmas to Easter. Shade only.

Price \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.50, \$8.00 a dozen

Funkia (Plaintain lily) - Beautiful foliage plant for borders. In midsummer has 3-ft. spikes of lavender blossoms. Shade or partial shade.

Price .75 each, 3 for \$2.00, \$7.00 a dozen

### Shrubs and Small Trees

Upright Evonymus - Glossy dark green leaves. Evergreen. Ultimate height about 8'

Price - 6" - 14" high .50 each, 3 for \$1.25, doz. \$ 4.00

14" - 24" high .75 each, 3 for \$2.00, doz. \$10.00

Winged Evonymus (Burning bush) - Beautiful, lacy foliage. In autumn a blaze of salmon and rose color. Deciduous. Ultimate height about 16'. A slow grower. For hedges or as specimens. Sun or shade.

Price - 8" high \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.50, doz. \$10.00

About 4' high - \$25 each

About 6' high - \$45 each

Forsythia - Spring Glory, a lovely butter-yellow variety. Sun or partial shade.

Price - About 2' - 3' high .75 each

About 3' - 4' high \$1.00 each

Ligustrum (Chinese privet) - Thrifty field-grown plants about 18" high. Sun or partial shade.

Price .50 each, 3 for \$1.25, doz. \$4.00

Hardy Orange (Poncirus trifoliata) - Interesting thorny formation, white blossoms in spring, orange fruit in autumn. For hedges or as specimens. Grows up to 14' high. Deciduous. Sun or shade. Rare.

Price - About 30" high - \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, doz. \$18.00

Hardy Orange Standards - Over all height about 8' - 10'. Heads 4' - 6' diameter. Clean trunks. Very spectacular. Have taken years to develop.

Price \$50 each, \$80 a matched pair

Mahonia Japonica - We have a collection of the largest and thriftiest specimens we have ever seen for sale. Big, glossy, evergreen leaves with curious dentation. Yellow flower tassels in spring, followed by clusters of large purple-blue berries. Effective in clumps, or flanking an entrance or terrace steps. Does best in partial shade. Reaches ultimate height of about 7', with 4' - 5' spread. Evergreen. Rare.

Price - Seedlings 6" - 8" \$ 4.00 each

Bushes 1' - 4' \$10.00 to \$50.00 each







Golden Weeping Willow - The handsomest weeper we know. Rapid growth.  
Price - Specimens 6' - 10' high \$5.00 each. A bargain.

Curly-Leaf Willow - A rare, exotic, rapid grower. Each leaf a little corkscrew with frilled edges. Grows up to about 15' tall.

Price - 1' - 3' high \$5.00 each

5' - 6' high \$8.00 each

Pink and White Dogwood, American Holly, Swamp Magnolia

We can supply some fine large specimens up to 20' high. Prices and descriptions on application.

#### Rhizome Begonias

Spiral, Beefsteak, Angel Wing, Sultana - Superb pot plants. Beautiful and fantastic foliage. From late winter to early summer they rear long spikes of rosy-white and pink blossoms resembling sprays of tiny orchids.

Price - \$2.00 to \$8.00 each, according to size. Smallest about 8" high. Largest about 20" high.

#### Herbs

Deliciously fragrant lemon balm and rosemary in pots.

Price \$1.00 each

#### Boxwood Hedging and Individual Pieces

American Giant Tree Box Hedge - This is a solid hedge approximately 250' long, 14' high, 10' thick. Magnificent quality and condition. Unclipped. Price for entire hedge \$4,000. Individual pieces from the hedge may be obtained, price depending on pieces selected and number purchased.

American Boxwood Hedging - Prime condition. Thrifty growth. Unclipped.

Price - About 6' high \$15 a foot length

About 4' high \$ 5 a foot length

Individual Pieces, American Boxwood, and Arborescence (curly-leaf) Boxwood - Prime condition. Good conformation. Height 3' - 8'.

Prices very reasonable and depend on size, shape, and number purchased.

English Boxwood Hedging - Prime quality. About 8" high.

Price \$1.50 each

**SPECIAL!** Dwarf Boxwood (*buxus microphylla compacta*) - Rare. Dwarf. Tiny rich green leaves make the plant a solid mound. Tested for hardiness as far north as Canada, and in the South. Withstands heat and drought. Sun or shade. Eventually grows about 18" high. 24" spread. Splendid for edging. Plants 3" - 4" high - each \$1.50







English Boxwood Giant Hedge - We can supply information on, and act as agents for the sale of, a truly magnificent hedge of mature English boxwood in beautiful condition. This is a solid hedge in 2 sections, each section about 100' long. Individual bushes about 12' high and 12' spread. We believe there is nothing to equal it in the U.S.A. It has to be seen to be believed.

### Topiary

Topiary is our specialty. We believe we are the only commercial nursery in the country that can supply topiary in quantity and variety. Inspection invited.

American Boxwood Standards - Over all height, about 3' to 4-1/2'. Diameter of round heads, about 24" to 45". Height of straight smooth trunk below head, about 24" to 40". A superb horticultural production. Stunning in tubs (which we can furnish) or as accents in beds or at entrance ways. The large-size, mature specimens have required about 35 years to develop. Prices \$50.00 to \$300.00 each.

Arborescence (Curly-leaf) Boxwood Standards - About 7' tall. Heads about 3-1/2' diameter at the base, tapering slightly at top. Straight trunks. Price \$100.00 each.

American Boxwood Cluster Standards - Each specimen consists of 2 - 5 plumey heads on individual clean stems. Height 5' - 9'. Valuable in planting design. Price \$25.00 - \$50.00 each.

Topiary Figures - These attract the attention of all our visitors and are of great beauty and interest. Most of them have required years to develop; including the selection of designs, hand-crafting of steel-rod frames, and years of patient clipping and tying. An enormous amount of time, constant supervision, and skilled workmanship thus goes into producing a finished specimen. Once matured and "set," a finished piece is then simple to maintain. Among the forms ready for market we have (all in American boxwood, except where noted):

Ball-on-Ball and Ball-on-Cube - Singles or matched pairs. Height about 5'. Diameter of balls about 2-1/2' - 3'. Price \$150.00 - \$300.00 each.

Birds and Animals - Fowls, ducks, swans, herons, penguins, geese, fantail pigeons, reindeer, stag, wild turkeys, pheasant, emu, peacocks with spread tails. Prices range from \$50.00 for simpler pieces to \$1000.00 for a splendid giant peacock 10' high.

Geometrical Forms in Yew and Hemlock - Obelisks, pyramids, ball-on-cube, spirals (not yet at full growth). Heights about 2-1/2' - 5'. Suitable for bedding or tubs. Prices \$25.00 to \$75.00.

Note: Detailed descriptions of topiary, with photographs, and prices on request. But personal inspection is advised for persons interested.







### Shipping

Prices quoted are for delivery at the nursery. Balling and burlaping free of charge. Shipments by freight, express, or truck collect. For large, important pieces we can make arrangements with a long-established landscape contractor for transporting and transplanting, at customer's expense.

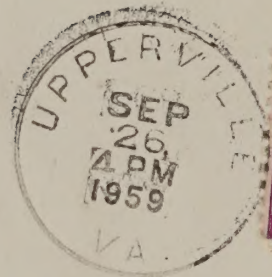
### Guarantee

Due to the rarity of our specimens we are unable to guarantee replacements; except that in the case of American boxwood hedging (except giant tree box) and of individual unclipped American boxwood specimens, we will replace items that die within 1 year of purchase, provided that items are transplanted within 60 miles of our nursery at Upperville and provided that customer has given them reasonable care.

We do everything we can to start our plants off properly and we furnish written instructions on care. We can also furnish an inspection, pruning, and spraying service for plants in the Washington, D.C. area.



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